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Aaharon YAFFE, et al.

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) Docket No.: U 014920-2

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT [IDS]

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

☒ 1. This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, as it is filed:

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☐ A. within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.

☒ B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

☐ C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicants have made the necessary certification (box "i" below) or paid the necessary fee (box "ii" below).

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☐ i. Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either (a) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or (b) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

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☐ D. after (A), (B) and (C) above, but before payment of the issue fee: Applicant petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d) for the consideration of this IDS. A check for the fee set forth in §1.17(i), presently believed to be \$130 is enclosed (check no. \_\_\_\_\_). Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either (i) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS; or (ii) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

☒ 2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form PTO-1449) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. A copy of each document listed is attached, except as explained below.

(check boxes A and/or B and fill in blanks, if appropriate.)

☐ A. Document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is (are) deemed substantially cumulative to document(s) \_\_\_\_\_, and, in accordance with 1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed.

☐ B. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior application(s), which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120:

[insert serial numbers and filing dates of prior applications]

Applicant identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO-1449 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 1.98(d). Per 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

☐ 3. Documents \_\_\_\_ is (are) not in the English language. In accordance with 1.98(c), Applicant states:

☐ An English translation of each document \_\_\_\_\_ (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application, or English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.

☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is found in the attached search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is set forth as follows:  
[Insert concise explanation of relevance]

☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ can be found on page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the specification.

☐ A concise explanation of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ can be found on the attached sheet.

4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

[X] 5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

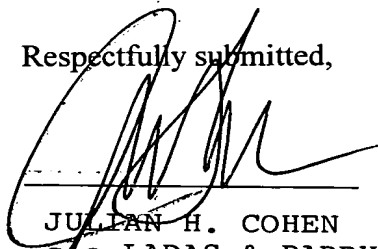
An Office Action dated March 24, 2004, which issued during the prosecution of Applicant's U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/351,966.

6. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this IDS should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56 (b), or that any cited document listed or attached is (or constitutes) prior art. Unless otherwise indicated, the date of publication indicated for an item is taken from the face of the item and Applicant reserves the right to prove that the date of publication is in fact different.

**CROSS REFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78 TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, Applicant notes that the above-identified patent application may be related to the following U.S. Patent Applications:

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	5,921,421	07-1999	Fuquan			
	AB	5,375,549	12-1994	Hirose			
	AC	5,203,828	04-1993	Strain			
	AD	4,319,605	03-1982	Boudin			
	AE	4,091,952	05-1978	Capdevielle, et al.			
	AF	3,955,524	05-1976	Renoux			
	AG	3,922,985	12-1975	Hamilton			
	AH	3,356,251	12-1967	Roberts			

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	AI	JP 03005292	01-1991	JAPAN			
	AJ	SU 1248891	08-1986	SOVIET UNION			
	AK	EP 30900	06-1981	EUROPE			
	AL	FR 2062458	06-1971	FRANCE			
	AM	GB 1118138	06-1968	BRITAIN			

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	AB	3,067,712	12-1962	Hans			
	AC	3,018,748	01-1962	Louis, et al.			
	AD	2,758,747	08-1956	Stevens			
	AE	2,696,185	12-1954	Snoddy			
	AF	2,391,926	01-1946	Edmiston			
	AG	2,371,404	03-1945	Ross			

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	AH	GB 824984	12-1962	BRITAIN			
	AI	GB 874229	08-1961	BRITAIN			
	AJ	SE 173496	11-1960	SWEDEN			
	AK	AU 250671	04-1964	AUSTRALIA			
	AL	GB 837668	06-1960	BRITAIN			
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